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Whoa! What's Wrong?

Pretty Face? Ugly Hands?
OF COURSE NOT!

You knew at a glance that the ink-smudged, nail bitten hand below doesn't belong to attractive Elizabeth Taylor. Attractive girl — clean, well cared for hands. They go together, like roses and fragrance.

Are your hands well cared for? No need, natch, to give any pointers on keeping them clean, but perhaps you would like some on nail care, so — here they are.

PRETTY *Elizabeth Taylor — all daintiness, feminine charm. Remember her in Warner Bros.' "Life with Father"?*

To Clean Nails Never, no never, dig under them with a metal tool. Soak them in warm, soapy water. Scrub them with a nail brush, immerse them in lemon juice if necessary. If all that fails to dislodge dirt, run an orange wood stick against the nail backs. Don't gouge down between skin and nail.

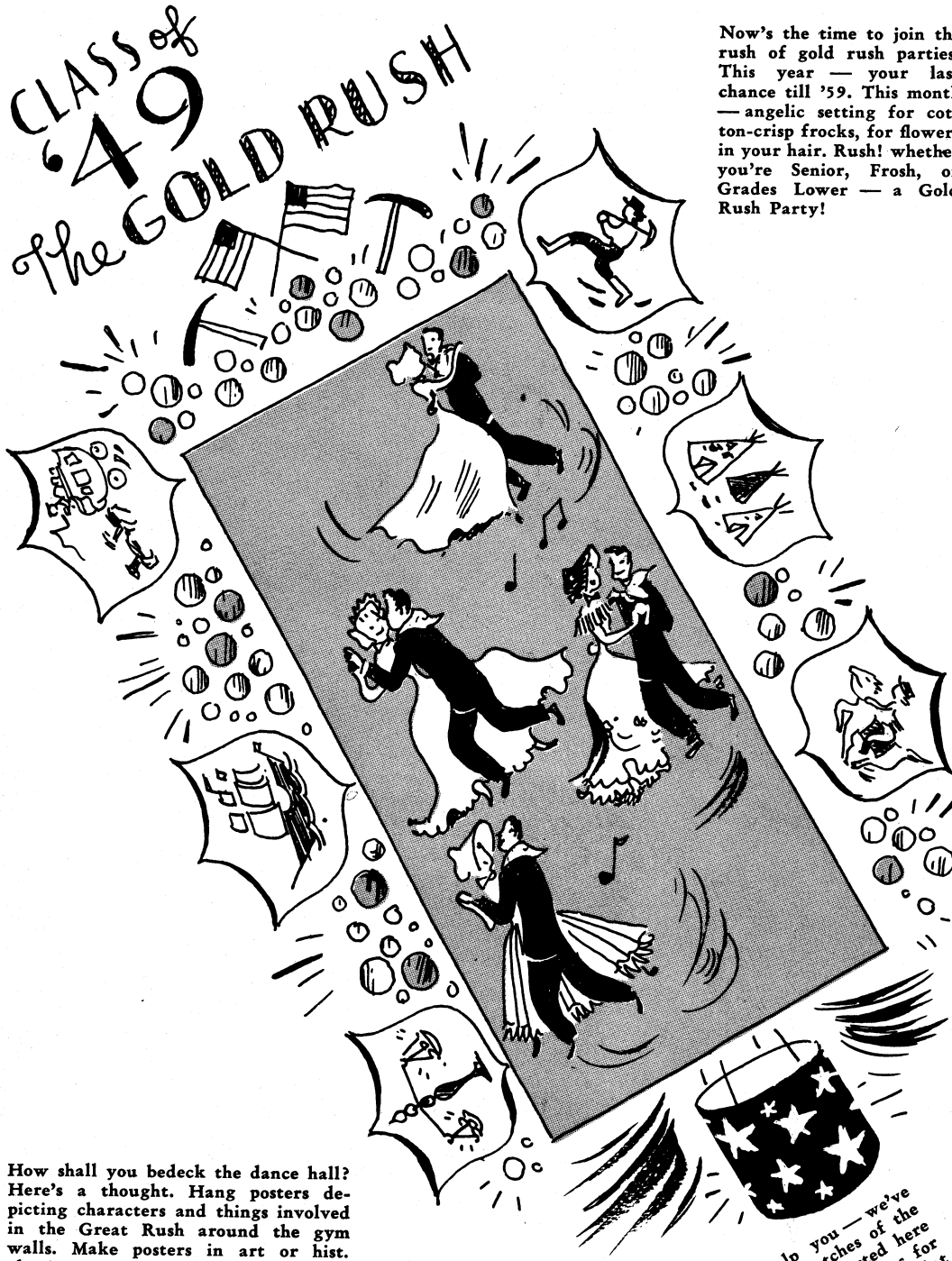
To File Nails Use an emery board, not a metal file. File in one direction only — from the corners toward the center. Also! don't file deeply into the corners.

To Soften the Cuticle Rub vaseline around your nails. Work it into the cuticle. After washing your hands press back the cuticle with the flat part of your thumb. Form the habit of doing that after washing. Don't cut your cuticle.

To Polish Nails Buffing nails till they sparkle is, we're told, good for them. Even if you're old enough (and like its looks) to wear colored liquid polish, sling the old buffer frequently.

What do your hands tell about you?

Things to do * Things to Make * fads * good looks. FUN!



Now's the time to join the rush of gold rush parties. This year — your last chance till '59. This month — angelic setting for cotton-crisp frocks, for flowers in your hair. Rush! whether you're Senior, Frosh, or Grades Lower — a Gold Rush Party!

How shall you bedeck the dance hall? Here's a thought. Hang posters depicting characters and things involved in the Great Rush around the gym walls. Make posters in art or hist. class? Connect posters with giant discs of gold, cut from metallic paper. Overhead? Skyblue paper streamers. Favors? Girls — Clementine Sunbonnets of pastel crepe papers; boys — miners' bandanas.

To help you — we've larger sketches of the posters suggested here and the directions for Sunbonnets. Leaflet No. J 59-A, 5¢.

OUR CRAFT CLUB CORNER

"'Taint necessarily so" but your Craft Club will get credit for cleverness — Jeepers! those girls! — if you turn out these wristlets. They look hard to make. They're easy. They're a slick-trick. They're Twisted Petals.

Materials Needed: Crepe paper, Light Pink, Light Green; No. 1 Spool Wire; rose stamens; 5" paper doilies; paste; ½" pink ribbon, 2 yds. per favor.
If you can't buy artificial rose stamens, don't worry. Your bouquet will be prettier with them, but — without them — it won't be ruined.

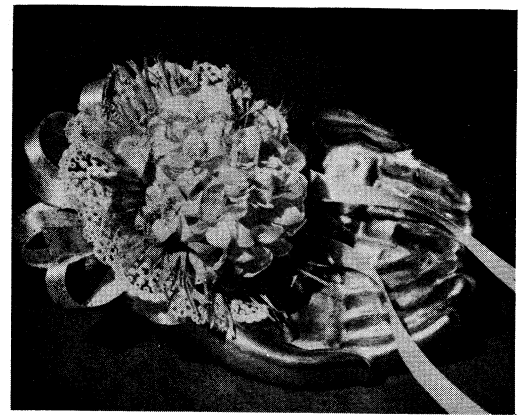
Let's start. For each favor, cut a strip of pink crepe 3" x 30". Important: the grain of the crepe must run up-and-down with the 3". Note sketch. The wavy lines indicate the grain of the crepe. Along a 30" edge cut, every ½", slashes 1½" deep. With scissors round off edges making petal-like divisions. (That can be done quickly by folding the strip, first, to 8 layers.)

Slick-trick. To make Twisted Petals, follow the sketches right and these words: beginning at one end, hold a petal division as sketched. Twist away from you with one hand; toward you with other. Be firm; make a complete twist. Repeat until all petals are twisted.

Gather Petals into Bouquet. Starting at right hand end, and leaving 1½" for "stem" at bottom of petals, gather the T.P.'s into a bouquet. Add rose stamens here and there. Tie bouquet with spool wire. (To tie s.w., twist ends together like a corkscrew.)

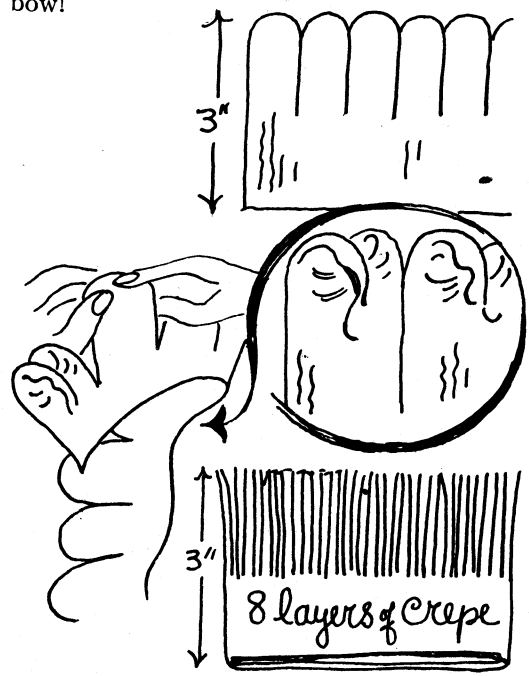
Make Fern-like Fringe. Cut a strip of Light Green crepe 3" x 12" (grain of crepe must run with the 3"). Fold the strip to 8 layers. Slash into fine pointed fringe 1½" deep. Gather it around the bouquet and tie it there with spool wire.

Paper Lace. Cut two slashes (cross shape) in center of doily. Brush the center with paste. Slip the doily up around the bouquet, and tie it in perky position with spool wire. . . . Make the back neat, by cutting the "stem" down to about ½" and covering it with Green crepe pasted down. . . . Tie a bow of many loops and 12-in. streamers to the "stem" with spool wire.



Pretty favor for the school banquet: pink flowers with yellow stamens and fern-like fringe cupped in white paper lace. The girls find these favors at their places, tie them — posy bracelets — around their wrists.

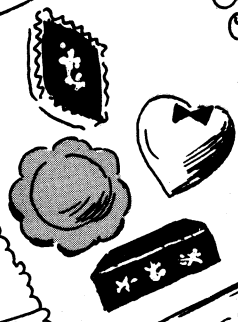
Done? Is it fresh? Is it dainty! Take your bow!



Here we go sketchin' fetchin' ideas for YOUR BEDROOM

School's almost out! More time soon to spend in your room — with your friends, with yourself . . . Of course you want to fix up — pretty up — your room.

Cookie Cutter Cushions

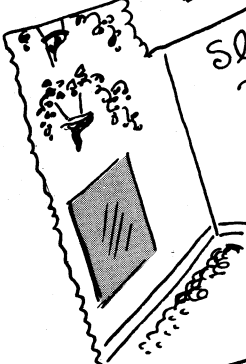


For bed, chair or window seat — make wee cushions cut from candy colored fabrics in shapes like cookie cutters.

Shelved Your Dolls?

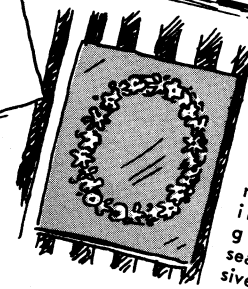
Don't banish your dolls to the attic. Dress 'em up and arrange them on little wall shelves. How darling!

Slip Showing? No Big Mirror?



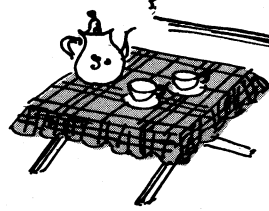
Hang a small mirror near the floor in your bedroom. Practical . . . "arty," too, if you arrange pictures — or plants — above it.

MIRROR, MIRROR, on the WALL



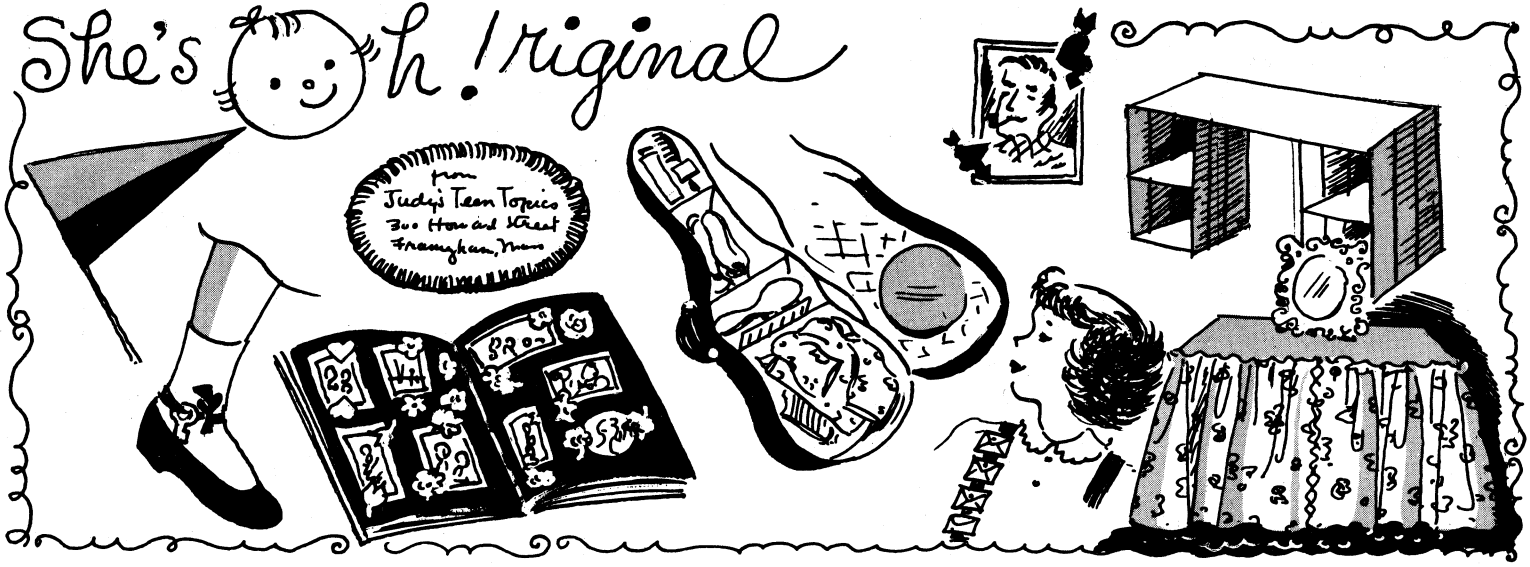
So pretty — a wreath of flowers on a mirror. Copy idea using Dennison's gummed flower seals. Easy, inexpensive, fetchin'.

Camping Out?



Ask Dad to make a wooden top for an ordinary camp chair. You cover top with gingham, ruffled. Result: cute tea table.

Trips to fine city department stores can be lessons in interior decorating. See their model rooms. Note too, all the good ideas that you can find in current magazines.



Linda G., Penna. describes the small flags her Craft Club makes of tooth-picks and paper in their school colors. The gals stick the flags in their hair — mittens, too, "for basketball and other games."

Bea S., N. Y. shows how her friends make a badge for their "Judy Teen Club" by using the return address printed on the Teen-Topics envelope. Very simple! Over and over the edge they sew with embroidery floss. To the back they sew a safety pin.

Maren H., Nebr. wanted something sharp in the way of an overnight bag to carry to a slumber party. Flash! She turned her old violin case into one. "There was one partition at the end which I used for bobby-pins, toothpaste, etc. The rest I padded with quilted satin (pink). I then put in another partition which I use for combs and brushes. The partition in between these two I used for bedroom slippers. The rest is for my P.J's. There is also enough room for a light bathrobe. On the lid of the case I fastened securely a large mirror. The lid was not flat so I had to pad it. Trimmings on the partitions are green. I also used green ribbon for closing the lids of the sections."

Joyce K., Ill. holds photos in her album with gummed seals. Mighty cute idea! Photos taken around Valentine's Day are held with hearts; Christmas-time snaps with stars, etc. When there's no special holiday, Joyce uses the flower-of-the-month seal.

Florence S., N. Y. wears the key to her diary on an ankle ribbon. Conversation piece!

Loretta D., Ohio sticks her favorite pin-up pictures over wall paper spots with heart and arrow stickers.

Adele S., Penna. sketches (and we've sketched in turn) orange crates magic-wand-ed (via hard work) into a pretty dressing table. . . . Good for Adele! (Love girls who make something pretty from next-to-nothing!)

Julia W., Mo., strings coin purses on her jumper's suspenders. What does she keep in each? How many times does she hear that question each time she wears them and what do you suppose her answers are?

JUDY'S BULLETIN BOARD

MY MAY BASKET to you — the 2 blurbs below.

Blurb 1: If your crowd's rusty-dusty, still unacquainted with square dance parties, the latest whirl-wind, you can polish up through these books. *Book 1.* "Good Morning . . . Music, Calls and Directions for Old-Time Dancing as Revised by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford."

That book of 124 pages sets me a-reelin'! Looks like you could put it on the piano, set someone playing, someone reading, and soon you'd all be doing the Portland Fancy. (It's 50¢ and can be ordered from Henry Ford, Dept. R, Box 100, Dearborn, Mich.) *Book 2.* "Musical Mixers and Simple Square Dances." 49 pages of directions and diagrams for Musical Mixers, Couple Mixers, Couple Dances, Group Dances, Square Dances. No piano accompaniments. Perhaps the printed melodies are enough. (It's 50¢ and can be ordered from National Recreation Assn., 315 4th Ave., N. Y. 10, N. Y.)

Blurb 2: A pancake picnic breakfast for a May day Supreme. Batter in the bottle; syrup in the jug; bacon, butter, coffee ready for woodsy fixin'. Off we start — early in the pearly morrrrrning! . . . Who's King, or Queen, of the Flapjackers?

YOUR MAY BASKET to me — posies from your letters. Like these, for examp. "Thank you and all your wonderful readers for making my 16th birthday party a success. The gang thought it was wonderful and every item was a contribution from Teen-Topics." (Our nice friend from Saskatchewan signs only her nickname.)

"We used some of your party ideas for our school party. It was a big success." (*L. U., Wis.*) . . . "Your suggestions are tops . . . I click better with our gang now." (*Y. H., Minn.*)

★ *John Wayne, first of the Singing Cowboys, and first in the heart of many a romantic lass. See him in Wake of the Red Witch? (Republic Pictures, thanks for picture.)*

Ask for Dennison Crepe at your pet stationery department or chain store.

Spring Outfits — for Your House

Does the closing of school give you an appetite for cans of paint, paint brushes, ladders, sewing machines and yards of fabric? If the fever to doll up your room or to help mom with the rest of the house hits you, here are two leaflets to coddle your fever. "A Room for Susan", Leaflet RS1-783; Kitchen Contrasts, Leaflet RS1-638. Yours for 3¢ each. (6¢ total.)

Be an elephant, please. Never forget — when you move send me, Judy, your old address as well as your new. Elephants never forget. Join 'em!

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